



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." - Ancient Indian Proverb

Well folks taking the guns away from the nut cases will not make America a "Garden of Eden". Some guy in Virginia took a ball bat to two staff members of a congresswoman. It put each of them in the hospital. Oh, the lawmaker is a Democrat if that gives any clue as to why the attack. Police have arrested an individual for this dumb act but have not released any reason for his action.

Elijah, James, William, Henry, Benjamin, Theodore, Oliver... The Social Security folks keep records on such stuff and say these were among the top ten names for new born boys in 2022. The more things change, the more they remain the same. Each of these names appear repeatedly when looking at a list of our ancestors. Probably Elijah is the most seen, but the others are also repeats from generation to generation. The girl names are not so much repeats from my past generations, but several do occasionally appear. My names are not that popular. First name John is not in the top ten and my middle name is way on down the list, even though I am a Junior. All that information is worthless, but we enjoyed looking it up.

This part of the United States is often the last to adopt popular changes and this supports age-old jokes about 'us country folks.' However, while much of the country struggles with a flood of illegal immigrants, we basically just read about it in the newspaper or watch it on the tube. Then this week we read that New York City has leased whole hotels just to house the overflow of these immigrants, who have no other place to live. The article featured a young couple who had reserved 20 rooms for family members from around the world who were coming to their wedding, only to have the reservations canceled at the last minute because of the influx. Glad we had not traveled thousands of miles for a wedding and couldn't get a room to sleep.

The City of Elba has officially closed any talk of revamping the recycling system, thus it all goes to the landfill. We say it again, "This upsets us!" Each time we put a piece of paper or an empty peanut butter jar in the garbage, we want to scream.

The school year is fast drawing to a close, with graduation plans actively underway. These kids completing their high school days are hopefully looking forward to an exciting life as they go out into the world. It is hard to grasp that the days are flying by so fast, but it is reality. We wish these young folks the best and pray that they can plan for "The best is yet to come."

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!



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Danny Fowler, 2013 Dodge Challenger [1st Place] and Randy Kleven, 2007 Ford GT500 [2nd Place];

1995-2022 Modified Cars: Marlon Thomas, 2019 Ford Shelby GT350 [1st Place] and Teresa Daniels, 2014 Ford Mustang [2nd Place];

1925-1972 Classic Trucks: Danny Helms, 1968 Ford F-100 [1st Place] and Beverly McCall, 1969 GMC 1500 [2nd Place];

1925-1972 Modified

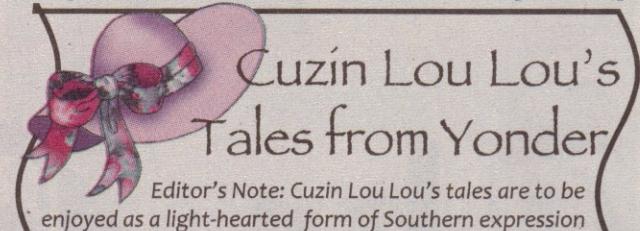
Trucks: Runt Kennedy, 1962 Chevy C-10 [1st Place] and Ruth Stokes, 1955 GMC 100 [2nd Place];

1973-2022 Classic Trucks: Jim Campbell, 1981 Chevy LUV [1st Place] and Freddie Tankersley, 2019 Ram R/T [2nd Place];

1925-1972 Modified Trucks: Venny Cable, 1995 Ford Bronco [1st Place] and Michael Strickland, Ford F-1 [2nd Place];

Foreign Cars: Petra Younger, 1982 Mercedes 380 SL [1st Place] and Nick Eliopoulos, 2022 Hyundai Elantra [2nd Place];

Wild Things: R.J. Lott, 1961 Harley Davison XLGHR [1st Place] and John Tyson, 1941 International K-3 [2nd Place].



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

It is no secret that Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister enjoy

traveling, but a news artic-

le headline Lou Lou saw

recently has one city off the

list of wanting to go there...

at least until Lou Lou can

get the thought of what

happened out of her mind!

There are horror stories

about travel anywhere

people may go, especially

when it comes to large

'tourist attraction' areas. It

is always a must to com-

pare the good with the bad

and try to make an educat-

ing decision on where to go

and what to do.

Lou Lou investigates, as

much as she can, when she

and the Yonder gang will be

venturing off into an area

they have never visited

before, but that sometimes

is not a guarantee either.

Some news headlines really

put a 'black mark' on some

places, and that was the

case recently when Lou Lou

saw the headline that made

her exclaim, "What in the

name of Yonder???"

The headline was so

disturbing to Lou Lou that

she would not even read

the article for fear of los-

ing her breakfast! It read,

"Nashville hotel manager

charged after allegedly

sucking on sleeping guest's

toes..."

That was all Lou Lou

needed to read to decide

Nashville would not be in

her travel plans any day

soon! After she recovered

from her own shock, Lou

Lou sent a screenshot of

the headline to Sister, and

that really got a "Nope"

reaction from her!

As Lou Lou and Sister dis-

cussed the disturbing infor-

mation, they each won-

dered, "What in the world

is wrong with people these

days?"

Of course, Lou Lou has

questions about the head-

line, but she simply could

not bring herself to actu-

ally read the article...she

was too afraid of what she

might discover if she did

read it. Yet, she ponders,

"How did he get into the

guest room without that

awakening them?"

Lou Lou also hopes the

man carried a good 'ole

Yonder butt whooping,

or at least a hard kick in the

nose, for his actions!

If anyone has read or

looks up and reads the arti-

cle out of curiosity, maybe

you can fill Lou Lou in on

her ponderings to keep

her from actually having

to read the article. Even

weeks later, she just can't

bring herself to do it!

You can also rest assured

that Lou Lou plans to block

the doorway with a chair

next time she stays at a

hotell! No way does she

want to chance anything

like that happening...poor

Sister would never recover!

Until next time...God

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## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)**LULA "MERLENE" FLOWERS**

Mrs. Lula "Merlene" Flowers died Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at her home in the Wilkenstown community.



Merlene was born November 9, 1949, to the late Perry and Merle Baker. She was married to Bobby Joe Flowers for 56 years.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 12, 2023, at Skeen Funeral Home with Rev. Rick Hayes officiating. Burial followed at Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery with Skeen Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Joe Flowers.

Survivors include four children: Lesia Grice (Jimmy), Ozark, Ala.; Bobby Joe Flowers II, and Michael Flowers (April), all of Wilkenstown, and Stephen Flowers, Troy, Ala.; 11 grandchildren: Christopher DuBose (Danielle), Tiffany Henderson (Cameron), Cody DuBose (Laney), Myron Davis (Angel), Chelsia Kilpatrick (John), Perry Davis (Chelsea), Erin Flowers, Lindsay Flowers, Brandon Flowers, Dakota Flowers and Sharon Flowers; nine great-grandchildren: Remington and Hampton DuBose, Camden and Miles Henderson, Baileigh, Maddie, and Braison Kilpatrick, Adam and Gabriel Davis; brother and sister-in-law: Murry "Bubba" (Christine) Baker; sister and brother-in-law: Linda "Sister" (James) Sheets; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**SHIRLEY EILEEN EILAND**

Mrs. Shirley Eileen Eiland, age 67, of Opp, Ala., died Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Opp Health and Rehabilitation.



Graveside services were held Monday, May 15, 2023, from New Home Cemetery with Rev. Phillip Adcock officiating and Hayes Funeral

**Home of Elba directing.**

Mrs. Eiland was preceded in death by her husband - Charles Douglas Eiland, father - William Franklin Artz, mother - Shirley Artz, and sisters - Christy Burris, and Sheree Artz.

Survivors include her daughter: April (Alex) Andreucci, Chicago, Ill.; sons: Jeremy Adam (Amber) Artz, New Brockton, Ala., Jason Allen Artz, Mount Morris, Ill., William F. (Theresa) Artz, of Va., and Shean Artz, of Ill.; sister: Colleen Artz, Peoria, Ill.; sisters-in-law: Bonnie King, and Lynn Morrison, both of Opp, and Cheryl Adcock, Elba, Ala.; along with 10 grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband: Robert Dell Howard, Elba; daughters: Valerie (Mike) McGuire, Elba, and Kelley Howard (Gordon) McElroy, Mohnton, Pa.; sons: Kevin Michael (Marian) Howard, Arley, Ala., and David Mitchell (Cheryl) Howard, Saint Petersburg, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**BILL SHERMAN KELLEY**

Mr. Bill Sherman Kelley, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, May 11, 2023, at her home.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. The family is being served by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Survivors include her daughters: Melissa (James) Montgomery, Elba, Erica (Jeremy) Phillips, New Brockton, Ala., and Pamela (Steve) Harrison, Elba; son: Tony Calhoun, Dothan, Ala.; sister: Betty Miles, Toccoa, Ga.; brother: Ronnie Walden, Elba; grandsons: David Calhoun, Dothan, John Robert Phillips, New Brockton, and Stevie Calhoun, of Fla.; granddaughters: Sherrie Calhoun, of Mon., Jacy Phillips, and Kyla Phillips, both of New Brockton.

**VIRGINIA HOWARD**

Mrs. Virginia Howard, age 92, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 14, 2023, from Elba United Methodist Church with Min. Steve Reneau officiating. Burial services followed in the

Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requested memorial contributions be made to Elba United Methodist Church, 503 Davis St, Elba, AL 36323.

Bill was born Nov. 4, 1961 to the late Buford and Nannie Mae Kelly of Elba. He was born the youngest of eight children (six deceased).

Survivors include his stepchildren: Vince and Vanessa McTear, both of Opp, Ala.; brother: Charles Kelly (Eloise), Elba; along with a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, family and friends.

**EDWARD RAY DISOTELL**

Mr. Edward Ray Disotell, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, May 8, 2023.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Word of Faith Church with Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba directing.

He was born in Meridian Miss. to Frank Disotell and Ida Eugena Johnson on October 19, 1943 and moved Elba when he was 16-years-old. He lived his life to preach the Gospel

and spent over 50 years as an evangelist and pastored churches.

Survivors include his wife: Sharon F. Disotell; brother-in-law: Kenneth Stewart (wife Donna), Birmingham, Ala.; son: Edward Ray Disotell II "Bud" (wife Michelle), Elba; daughter: Renee Kelley (husband Mickey), Troy, Ala.; grandchildren: Camden Kelley (wife Tori), Ft. Payne, Ala., Candace Farris (husband Colby), Enterprise, Ala., Hayden Disotell (wife Ashley), Elba, Brianna Morgan (husband Cory), Brantley, Ala., and Devin Jackson (wife Kayla), Elba; great-grandchildren: Paisley-Kate Disotell, Evan Morgan, Gracie Mae Farris, Madalyn Morgan, Rhett Jackson, Riggs Jackson; his daughter by marriage: Shannon Stewart, Fountain, Fla.; grandchildren by marriage: Brooke Schad, and Ethan Robertson; niece: Priscilla Keller (husband Greg) and their children - Emma and William, Auburn, Ala.

### Elba Evergreen Cemetery Board requests

The Evergreen Cemetery Board is currently searching for descendants of F.M. Dean who died April 24, 1922, along with descendants of Ada Harp Blue who died Oct. 12, 1924. Anyone with information concerning these individuals or their living family members are asked to contact our Cemetery sexton at 334-389-4458.

The Evergreen Cemetery Board reminds families with loved ones buried at Evergreen Cemetery and Hillcrest Memorial Gardens that any non-affixed items, such as figurines, solar lights, banners, or other memorabilia are not permissible. Entering the height of the lawncare maintenance season, items that impede mowing are subject to removal and disposal by the groundskeeper. We ask any such items be removed from the effected graves immediately. Artificial flowers are welcome, but must be placed in a permanent holder made of granite, marble, or concrete which secures them in an upright position. For questions regarding acceptable items contact the sexton at 334-389-4458.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church

An open letter to area graduates and their families

Dear graduates,

Congratulations on this important milestone—graduation from high school. You've achieved much and should be proud of yourself. I'm sure your family is proud of you, too! After all, you didn't get to this moment without their love, support, and help. So don't forget to tell Mom and Dad and everyone else who helped get you to this place—including your teachers—"Thank you!"

You have so much of life ahead of you. You are full of anticipation and excitement. And you should be. The 'commencement' is just that...a beginning—a launch into a new time of your life. How exciting is that? And probably a little scary, too. Am I right?

Just think of the major decisions that you will likely make in the next few years: College? Or not? Vocation? Marriage? Kids? Noted author and psychologist, James Dobson, has called the years from 16-26 "the critical decade." The decisions you make about these things and others will set the course of your life. Better choose carefully. And thoughtfully. Remember: there is wisdom in a multitude of counselors. So, surround yourself with people you trust to give you godly and sound advice. Not all things have to be learned the hard way!

I remember when I was 18 and graduating from high school, just like you. My life was in front of me. On a 24-hour clock it was about 6 a.m. in my life. The sun was just rising. I am now 66 and I have lived 24,388 days. If I live to be 80, I have 4,815 days left. I have lived 82.5% of my life. It's now 8 p.m. in the early evening of my life. I have four hours to live.

Where did all those days go? One thing I'm reminded of daily is the truism that "time flies." Some wise philosopher once noted that life is like toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. So true.

What now seems to you to be an endless morning of unending promise will one day turn into 8 p.m.—the early evening of the life you chose to live. You will look back over your life and the paramount question will be: have I invested my life in something that really matters? When that day comes—and it certainly will if you live long enough—the most important thing will be to feel good about how you have lived your life and the person you have become.

So, young men and women, remember that you are building a life—yours! Build well.

## Church & Area News

Homecoming services set for May 21st at Mount Zion Baptist Church

Mount Zion Baptist Church, located at 774 Old Southern Gospel County Rd. 223 (Mixon's Crossroads), New Brockton, Ala., will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, May 21, beginning at 10:15 a.m.

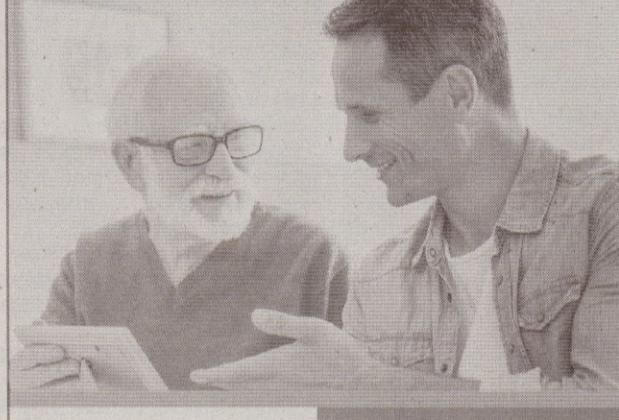
Homecoming services

All are invited to attend.



### WYROSDICK AWARDED ALABAMA CATTLEMEN'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP...

Blair Wyrosdick (right) was awarded the Tagged for Campus Involvement Scholarship at the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship Banquet held Friday, May 5, in Wetumpka, Ala. She is the daughter of Jamie and Lougener Wyrosdick of Elba. An alumna of Kinston High School, Wyrosdick attends Huntingdon College where she is pursuing a degree in Biochemistry/Pre-Health. She was one of 127 scholarship recipients awarded over \$113,000 in scholarship by the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation (ACF). The ACF serves to engage in educational and scientific activities to improve the beef cattle industry in Alabama and educate youth on the importance of beef cattle in Alabama.



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With Eria's Daughter



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**Scripture:** Death comes to all [Ecclesiastes 8: 10-17]

**Thinking of You! Praying for You.**

Shelia Magwood, Sharron Fitch, Yazmin McNair, Gladys Wright, Dora Ann Jackson Byrd, Shanika Pruitt/Tyce/Tyrek, Gene Culver, Vernetta Purvis, Larry Rogers

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**Jesus' Eating Habits**

Some time ago a study was undertaken to address the question, "What would Jesus eat?" The study investigated common food of Jesus' day in order to determine what was most likely a regular part of His diet. The Gospels note that Jesus ate at fish and honey [Luke 24: 41-43] and shared a typical Passover meal with His disciples [22:15]. They also record different times when Jesus ate

in homes or ate with His disciples, but no specific menu is mentioned on those occasions.

A more important issue involving Jesus' eating habits, according to the Gospels, is whom He ate with. These included Matthew [also known as Levi] the publican [tax collector], in whose house Jesus ate along with "a great company of publicans and of others" [Luke 5:29]. He also ate with unnamed Pharisees [Luke 11:37; 14: 1-24], the scripture from which this text is taken], with various "publicans and sinners" [Luke 15: 1,2], with Martha and Mary [Luke 10: 38-42; John 12: 1-3], and with His disciples (as noted above). In fact, Jesus was criticized as being "gluttonous" [Luke 7:34].

Jesus' eating habits reveal His desire to reach out to all people – both the sinners who knew they were sinners and sinners such as the Pharisees whose self-righteousness blinded them to the truth about their condition.

Those habits highlight Jesus' purpose for coming into the world. As He told another publican, Zacchaeus, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" [Luke 19:10]. – Standard Publishing, Part of the David C Cook Family

**Question / Answer Section**

Q/A for the Week of 5/18/23

True or False

**Q:** When the people of Israel harvested they were to clean the field of all produce.

**A:** False [Leviticus 23:22]

**Q:** During the year of Sabbath rest, there was to be no planting or pruning.

**A:** True [Leviticus 25:4]

**Thought to Remember**

When God allows extraordinary trials, He gives extraordinary comfort.

**Questions for the Week of 5/25/23**

True or False

**Q:** When God asked Moses to go to Pharaoh to gain Israel's release from Egypt, Moses agreed without hesitation to do so.

**Q:** Solomon asked God for an understanding heart, so that by his wisdom he could bring glory and honor to God.

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.**

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, Richard Brian Norris and Heather Norris, husband and wife, did execute and deliver to First South Farm Credit, ACA, a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Official Record Book 184A at page 472, and,

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-2023-027

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE MARGARET SPIRA, Deceased

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THE ESTATE OF

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From

### The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our youngest grandson Cannon** paid his Nanny a surprise visit over the weekend for Mother's Day, and his smile and laughter certainly made it a special day for us all. As we age we share daily concerns and worries about our children and grandchildren, but when they are with us all is well with the world. Maybe we should add a holiday named 'Family Day.'

### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **The Elba Lady Tigers** competed at the 1A South Region softball tournament last week and claimed one win to complete a successful season with a team that gained experience every time it hit the field and found out that softball can indeed be fun. The team wasn't expected to win a lot of games after a couple of years of struggles and with a roster that included more seventh graders than seniors. However, the girls and coaches never backed away from a challenge and posted a winning record. Great job, and next year should be even better.

\*\*\* **The Elba Tiger golf team headed up to Auburn** early in the week to compete at the 1A-2A State golf tournament and after losing four seniors off last year's team very few expected this year's group to be back at state trying to complete a 'three-peat' as state champions. The success of this year's team proves that the sport of golf has established itself as a major sport at Elba High and that in the years to come will only get better and better. Watch out, golf is growing at Tiger Town and will soon be a spectator sport for its fans.

\*\*\* **The Brantley Bulldogs made it four series sweeps** in-a-row last week as they advanced to the 1A state championship series at Oxford. The team's slow start had many local folks puzzled, but since the team began its current 12-game winning streak the slow start has been forgotten and the fans up in 'Front Porch City' are talking about where the school will be its newest blur map. The success of the Bulldogs is due to a lot of hard work and dedication from the players and coaches, but is also a result of the winning tradition and teamwork established at Brantley High School for years and years.

\*\*\* **The Brantley Lady Bulldogs were the only area softball team to advance to the state tournament**, but all the teams that made the long trip down to Gulf Shores represented their schools and towns with pride. Brantley was upset in the finals, but rallied to advance as the tournament runner-up and will be a team no one wants to face at state, while Kinston won a pair of games and placed fourth in a very competitive 1A bracket, and Zion Chapel really opened some eyes despite getting probably the toughest draw at the 2A tourney as it competed against top-ranked Wicksburg, perennial state power G.W. Long and local power Arton. All the area teams played hard and made their fans proud!

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers will wrap up spring football** practice this week with a jamboree, and while all Tiger fans are anxious to see the team in action, I imagine the coaches are more interested in getting the games on film and evaluating the players during the summer as everyone at Tiger Town prepares for what is expected to be another banner season. Elba still may not have as much depth as some other teams in their classification, but they have as much talent as any team their size in the state, and all the fans of the black and gold are already excited.

\*\*\* **In closing....** The start of a new school year is still months away, but there have already been some coaching changes at local schools that should make the new year quite interesting. Over at New Brockton, the Gamecocks will have new head coaches in football, basketball and volleyball, while at Kinston, the Bulldogs will have a new basketball coach. Stability is a just for success at any level, especially high school, and hopefully the schools will find the right coaches that will make the choice to build a program and not just improve their resumes.

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### Thursday night at Tiger Stadium

## Elba Tigers to host jamboree



The Elba Tigers will close spring football practice on Thursday night with a three-team jamboree at Tiger Stadium, and while Coach Marc Sieving admits he is excited about the upcoming game, he is also concerned about the talent level of the opponents his team will line up against.

"Carroll is a 5A team that made the playoffs last season and Goshen was a very good 2A team by the end of last season after being down for a little while," said Sieving, "and we know both teams will come here looking to end spring training on a positive note and to take home some wins. We are a 1A club and don't have anywhere near the depth of either team, but we are excited and will get after it in both games and will play to win."

The schedule for the

game has Elba taking on Goshen at 6:00, followed by the Goshen-Carroll game, with the final game being Elba against Carroll. All games will be two quarter contests, with a twenty-minute break between games.

"We have looked at a little film on both Carroll and Goshen and while we will have a game plan, it will be more of a game plan for us than our opponents," admitted Sieving. "Both teams have really good backs and we expect them both to be physical on defense, and be able to play a lot more folks than us. They will no doubt do some things that will cause us problems, but we hope we can do some things that might cause them some problems, too. It is a spring game and no one really knows what their opponents will do. So, we expect all the teams to do what they do best and play hard on every play."

When asked about the spring drills, Coach Sieving stated, "It has been a good spring. We have worked hard to get better in everything we do, and the players are all bigger, faster and stronger than a year ago. We had a lot of players coming back from last season and the experience factor has really been a plus in all we have done. The players know the system, know what their jobs are and have been working hard in the weight room and on the field to be the best they can be. We have out in a few wrinkles and think everything has gone good. The major concern is a lack of depth. We have a good group of juniors and seniors, but only four or five sophomores, and that size class really hurts. We are working at playing folks at different positions to give the players a rest, but at most times you have to keep your best eleven on the field, and that is when the lack of depth can really hurt. We will keep working to build more depth and establish a substitution pattern that will work. Spring has been good for the team and we will enter the summer looking to build on what we did and to get ready for a season that we are all excited about."

## Elba Lady Tigers grab South Region win

Statistics from  
**GAMECHANGER**



The Elba Lady Tigers competed at the Class 1A South Region Softball Tournament last week at Gulf Shores and bounced back from an opening round loss to claim a 16-6 five-inning win over Fruitdale.

Fruitdale scored in the top of the first inning to grab an early 1-0 lead, but the lead didn't last for long as Elba plated five runs in its half of the inning to take a 5-1 advantage.

A leadoff double by Destinee Tidwell sparked the early scoring explosion, while Ana Caldwell ripped a two-out, two-run single, Mary Brooklyn O'Neal followed with an RBI double and A'Lyric Whitfield doubled and scored on an error to put the Lady Tigers on top 5-1.

Fruitdale pulled even at 5-5 in the second. However, the Lady Tigers quickly went back on top as Destinee Tidwell came through with a one-out single and Aimee Senn drew her second walk of the game to put runners on first and second. Danielle Tidwell delivered an RBI single, Senn scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Emily Richardson and Ana Caldwell followed with an RBI single to put Elba back on top to stay.

Alayvia Stinson reached on a walk, stole second and third base, and crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly by Destinee Tidwell to push the Elba lead to 9-5 in the third, but Fruitdale cut the lead to 9-6 in the fourth, and that was still what the scoreboard read heading into the bottom of the fifth.

A'Lyric Whitfield reached on an error, only to be thrown out on a steal attempt, but the Lady Tigers refused to go quietly and after Alayvia Stinson reached on an error, Haylee

Jadyn Caldwell was the winning pitcher, in relief, as she tossed three and one-third innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit. A'Lyric Whitfield was the starting pitcher and allowed no earned runs on three hits and three walks.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Tiger golfers keep 3-peat hopes alive

The two-time defending state champion Elba Tigers competed in the eight-team South Sub-State 1A-2A High School Golf Tournament, last week at Cambrian Ridge Golf Course, in Greenville, and placed second on a highly-competitive field to

advance to this week's State Tournament, at Auburn.

Freshman Jay Wilson led the Tigers and was the sub-state medalist with a one-under par 71, while other Tiger scores included Trace Grantham 82, Alex Wiscup 91, Bradley Chapman 91 and Powell

Bane 93. The Tigers fired a team score of 335 to place second behind Pike Liberal Arts (326). Other team scores included Holy Spirit 335, Altamont 337, Tuscaloosa Academy 343, Wicksburg 355, Washington County 369, and Locust Fork 388.

### Lady Rebels grab one region win

*Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER*

Following are highlights from the tournament action:

#### W'burg 3 Zion Chapel 2

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels competed at the Class 1A South Region Softball Tournament last week at Gulf Shores and claimed one win in the eight-team event.



Zion Chapel Lady Rebel pitcher Sydney Boothe warms up prior to a South Region contest.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

### Brantley advances to state championship in Class 1A high school baseball action

*Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER*

The Brantley Bulldogs charged into the championship game of the Class 1A High School Baseball playoffs last week with a 2-1, 6-2 double-header sweep over the Billingsley Bears, at Billingsley.

The wins moved the Bulldogs winning streak to 12 games and was the fourth straight double-header sweep in post-season action.

In the opening 2-1 win, Brantley pushed across two

run in the sixth inning to erase a 1-0 deficit and held on for the exciting win. Jayden Parks and Jordan Parks both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Jon Bush added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Kaleb Weed and AJ Kilpatrick both added 1 hit. Cooper Layton was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits and two walks, while Jayden Parks picked up the save as he pitched one hitless inning.

Brantley closed out the road series with a 6-2

win in game two, as the Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late. Jordan Parks had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while AJ Kilpatrick added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; Jayden Parks, Jon Bush and Tyson Grant all added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Kaleb Weed added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Jordan Parks was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed one earned run on six hits and one walk, while Jayden Parks closed the game with one hitless inning with two strikeouts.

### ZCBT finishes tenth at recent tournament

The Zion Chapel Bass Team [ZCBT] fished its first tournament September 14, 2019, on the Tensaw River Delta. May 6, 2023, team members fished their final tournament on the Alabama BASS Nation High School Tiger Division at this same site: Tensaw River Delta.

In 2019, ZCBT launched a new dimension to the field of sports at Zion Chapel High School. During the four years of the team's existence, the team has had several different members, but some graduated and others focused on other sports. As this season ends, Avery Padgett and Ethan Young are the only two members of the team. They have stayed the course and have signed

the next."

Officially, the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta area encompasses over 260,000 acres and ranks as the second-largest system in the lower United States. Touching five counties in southeastern Alabama, the waters of the Delta eventually emp-

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### Boykin picked to head New Brockton basketball program

New Brockton High School announced this week that Joshua Boykin had been named the new head basketball coach for the Gamecocks.

Boykin is a graduate of Enterprise High School, Enterprise State Community College and Troy University, and spent the last three years at Enterprise State Community College as an assistant coach.

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### Lady Bulldogs headed back to state

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The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels led all the way to post an impressive 12-2 elimination game win over Ariton. Madison Meeks had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Amber Kidd added 3 hits and 2 rbi's; Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Sydney Boothe added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; and, Riley Bannin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Sydney Boothe pitched six innings and allowed one earned run on six hits, while striking out seven.

#### Long 13 Zion Chapel 7

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels carried a 5-4 lead into the third inning, but couldn't keep up the pace and were eliminated in a 13-7 loss to G.W. Long. Amber Kidd had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 bi to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Shea Wambles added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Carlee McAllister added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Sydney Boothe and Riley Bannin both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Riley Bannin and Sydney Boothe combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on 12 hits and five walks, while striking out nine.

#### Brantley 12 Ariton 2

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs competed at the Class 1A South Region Softball Tournament last week at Gulf Shores and posted three wins in four games to punch their ticket to this week's State Tournament, as the runner-up in the eight-team region.

Following are highlights from last week's tournament:

#### Brantley 15 Fruitdale 0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs were in command throughout the game on a 12-0 semifinal win over Millry. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaylee Navarre and Hope Richardson both added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Anna Free added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Emma Crawley added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Kaylee Navarre pitched a seven-inning one-hitter with 17 strikeouts.

#### Leroy 7 Brantley 2

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short in a 7-2 loss to Leroy, in the winner's bracket finals. Campbell

Hawthorne and Anna Free both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Brantley at the plate, while Alex Grimes, Kaitlyn Piggott and Marley Kilcrease all added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre pitched seven innings and allowed five earned runs on five hits and six walks, while striking out 10.

#### Brantley 12 Millry 0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to punch their tickets to the state tournament with a solid 6-0 win over Red Level.

Alex Grimes had 2 hits, including a triple and a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Anna Free added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kaitlyn Piggott added 2 hits. Kaylee Navarre pitched a seven-inning shutout and allowed three hits, while striking out eight.

#### At South Region

### Kinston Lady Bulldogs make final four

*Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER*

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs competed last week at the South Region Softball Tournament in Gulf Shores and posted two wins and two losses to place fourth in the eight-team tourney.

Following is a recap of last week's tournament action:

#### Kinston 4 Sweet Water 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs combined timely hitting with a solid defense to open the tourney with a 4-0 win over Sweet Water. Lilli Sumblin, Brynne Kelley and Bella Lashley all had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while with Sumblin blasting a home-run. Lilli Sumblin was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game one-hit shutout with 14 strikeouts.

#### Leroy 11 Kinston 1

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs fell behind early and ever recovered in an 11-1 semifinal loss to Leroy. Cadence Elmore had 2 hits to lead Kinston at the plate, while Aubrie Brown added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Lilli Sumblin and Bella Lashley both added 1 hit. Lauren Norris and Lilli Sumblin combined to pitch five innings and allowed six earned runs on 11 hits and eight walks.

#### Kinston 16 Elba 2

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs spotted Elba an early 2-0 lead and then came roaring back to post a 16-2 elimination game win. Cadence Elmore had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston



Kinston Lady Bulldog pitcher Lauren Norris delivers a pitch to the plate in a region win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

at the plate, while Madisyn Jones added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Lilli Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Lauren Norris pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on five hits. Danielle Tidwell had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Aimee Senn added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Mary Brooklyn O'Neal and Alayia Stinson both added 1 hit. Zaniyah Mitchell and Jadyn Caldwell combined to pitch four innings and allowed nine earned runs on 12 hits and three walks.

#### Red Level 4 Kinston 1

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw a 1-0 fourth inning lead slip away in a 4-1 elimination game loss to Red Level. Camdyn Norris had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Kinston at the plate, while Bella Lashley added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Cadence Elmore and Madisyn Jones both added 1 hit. Lilli Sumblin pitched six innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits and six walks, while striking out nine.



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**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LOCAL STUDENTS...**The members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 presented annual scholarships last Thursday evening, May 11, during a ceremony held at the lodge. All in attendance enjoyed food, refreshments, and fellowship as part of the evening. This year's scholarship recipients are pictured above with Lodge presenters Eddie Kelley and Wendell Black. They are: (front, l to r) Hallee Elizabeth Deal, Brianna Nichole Davis, Lily Marie Davis, Anna Katherine Clark, Camron Bailey Blackmon, and Raegan Victoria Bragg; (middle, l to r) Matthew Calvin Nichols, Aryn Elizabeth Nelson, William Douglas Michaels, Layken Cole Hussey, and Justin Wade Fulford; (third row, l to r) Kinley Brooke Ross [Edward Lamar Kelley Family Scholarship], Ella Jordan Saunders [Culver Family Scholarship], Destiny Rae Winters, Gunner Shade Sawyer, and Avery Kyle Padgett. Scholarship recipients not pictured included: Brian Kayley Autrey, Mary-Austin Victoria Stabler, and Patrick Whitworth Shehee.

## FISH

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ty into Mobile Bay. This is like home to the Saraland and Baldwin County Fishing teams.

As Avery Padgett stated, "One last ride on the Delta surprisingly didn't disappoint."

Due to scheduling conflicts, they did not get to pre-fish, but they caught fish all day. They came to weigh-in with their five fish limit that tipped the scales at 9.86 pounds. These results placed Team Padgett/Young in tenth place out of a field of 80 boats.

They left with money in their pockets as they came home with the Freedom Marine Center Contingency Award of \$1,000. This makes a total of \$9,000 over the past two years.

"The boys from Zion Chapel Bass Team did it again," said Darrel High.

The ZC team has one more tournament on the East Alabama High School Trail.



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young received the Freedom Marine Center Contingency Award of \$1,000 at their most recent fishing tournament. Pictured with the team are two BASS Nation officials (left and right). In the center is Avery Padgett, boat captain Taylor Renfroe, and Ethan Young.

Afterwards they will move on to the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. Currently they are ranked number 11 in the ANGLER OF THE YEAR in the Alabama BASS Nation High

School Tiger Division in a field of 111 anglers. These anglers and the ones in the Tide Division will compete in the State Championship in June at Logan Martin.

## Tiger Tales Elba Schools

### Band Member Spotlight

by Ty Sieving

Name: Zalie McKelvy  
Grade: 11th Age: 17

Instruments Played/Band Section: Saxophone & Danceline

How long have you been in the band? 7 years

What is your best memory from your time in the band?

Riding front row in "The Hulk" at Universal Studios.

What is some advice you would give to younger band members? Don't quit and come to class!

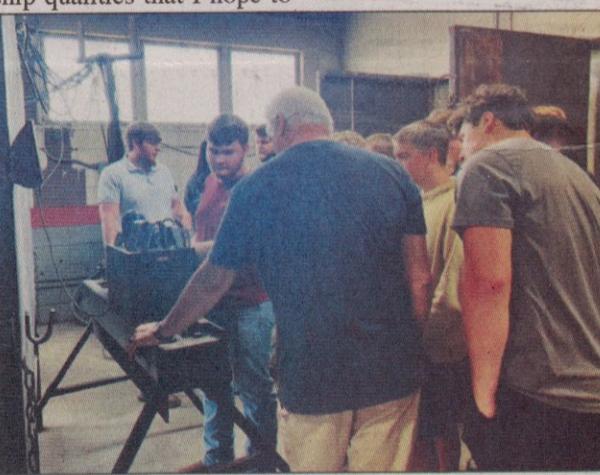
Who is your role model/who inspires you and why?

Katelyn Turner. She was my first danceline captain and demonstrated leadership qualities that I hope to



show now.

What are your plans for the future? Attend the University of Alabama to earn a degree in Electrical Engineering.



**LBW Visit (by Ja'Siyah Reed)**...Welding and Diesel Mechanics students from the Elba Career Academy visited LBWCC in Opp, Ala. on Monday, May 8th. Students enjoyed taking a tour and seeing options for furthering their education after high school. Elba High School junior Grady Grantham said, "The trip was very informative and I learned a lot about all that LBW has to offer me after I graduate high school." Students were also given the opportunity to sign up for dual enrollment classes.

### Upcoming at Elba City Schools:

- Football Spring Game will be Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. at Tiger Stadium. Elba, Goshen and Carroll of Ozark will be competing.

- Elba High School graduation for the Class of 2023 will be Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m., at Tiger Stadium.

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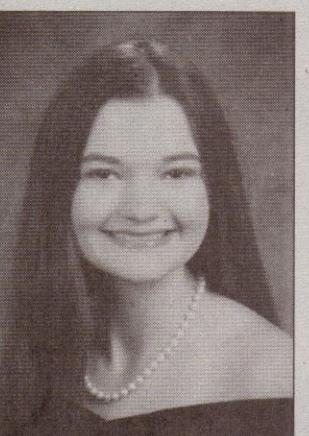
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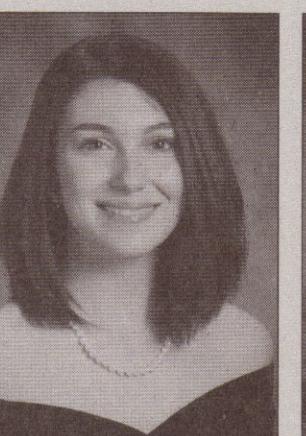
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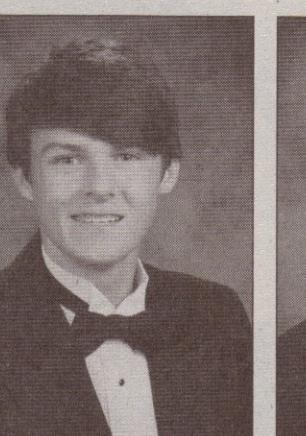
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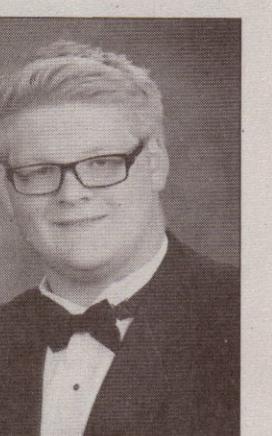
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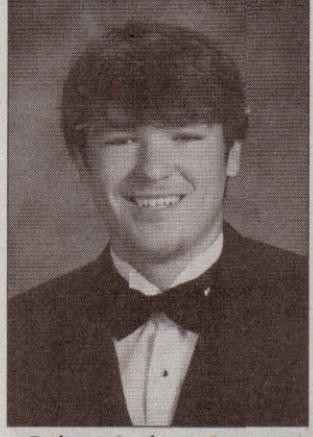
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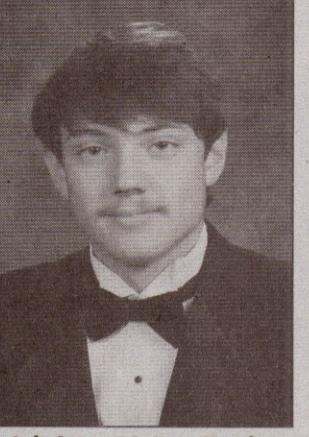
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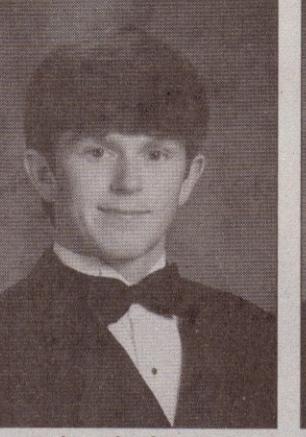
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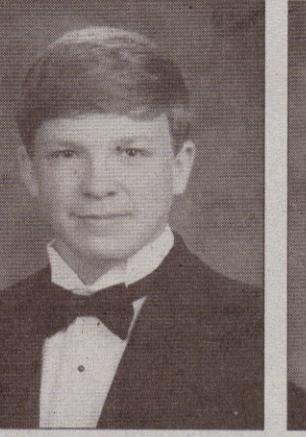
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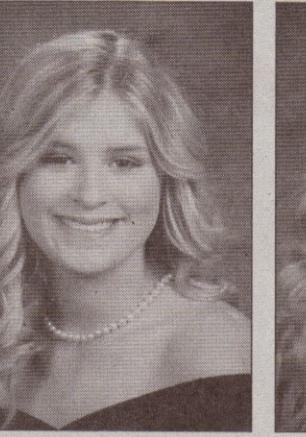
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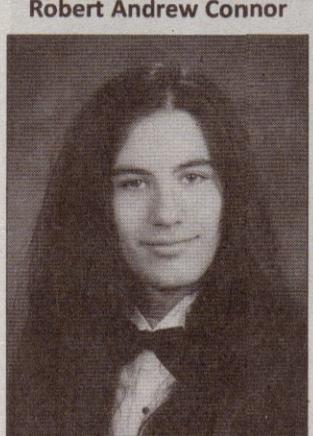
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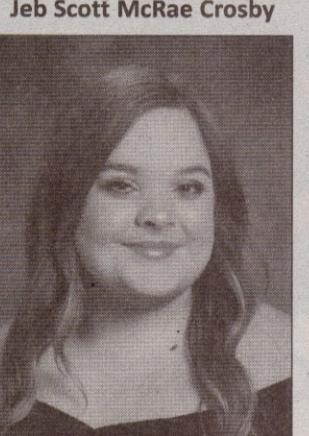
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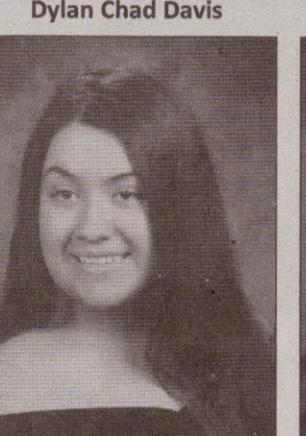
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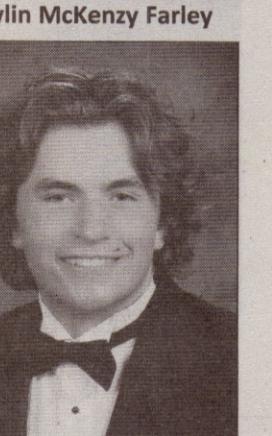
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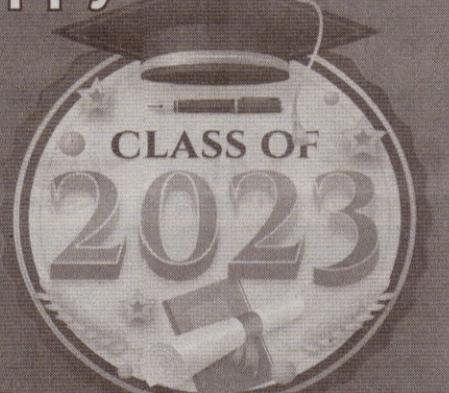


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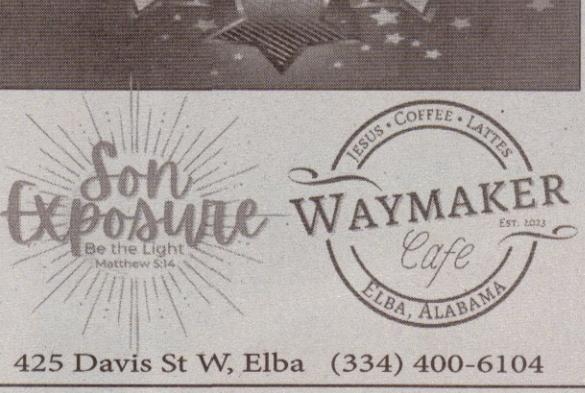
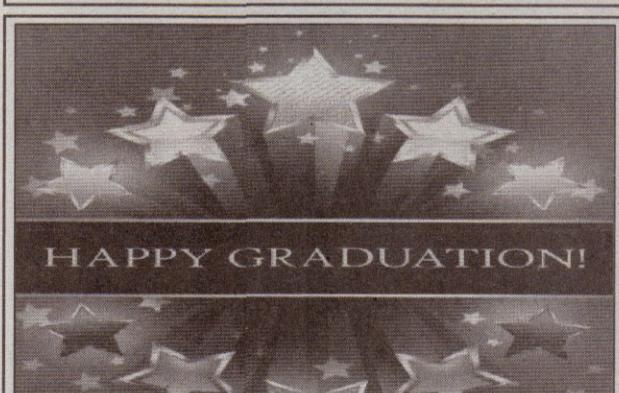
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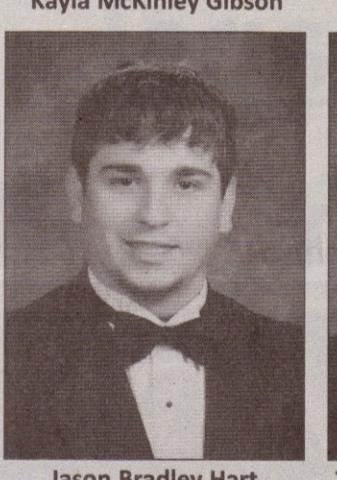


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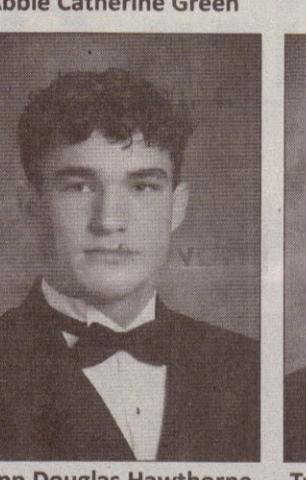


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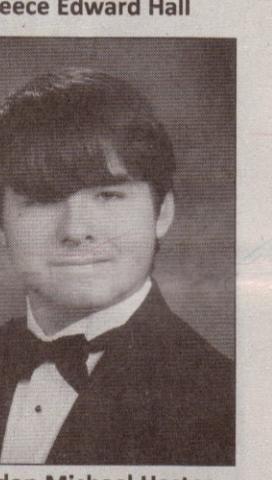
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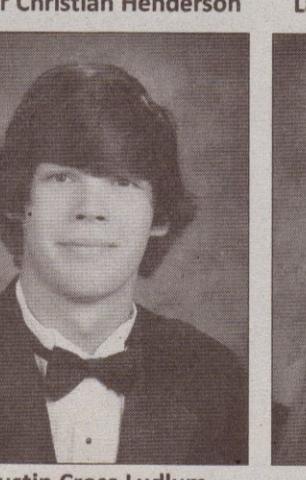
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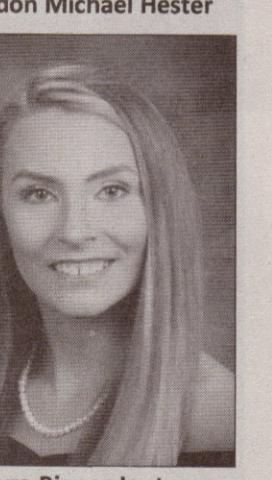
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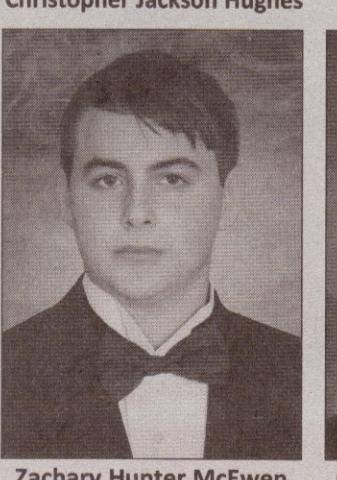
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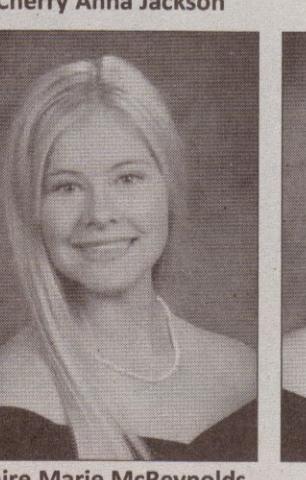
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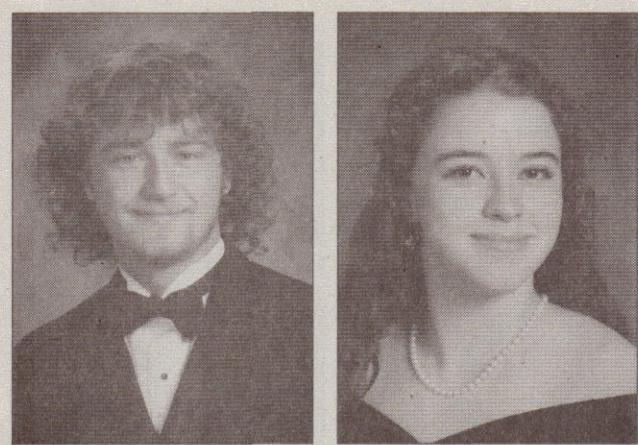


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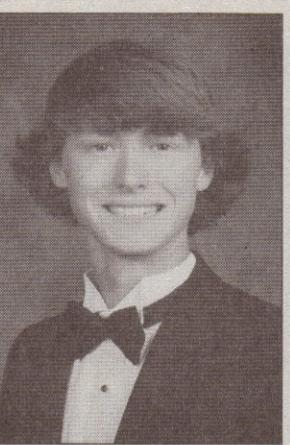
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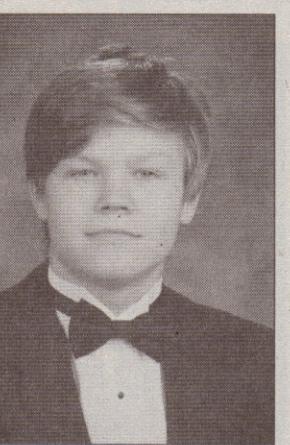
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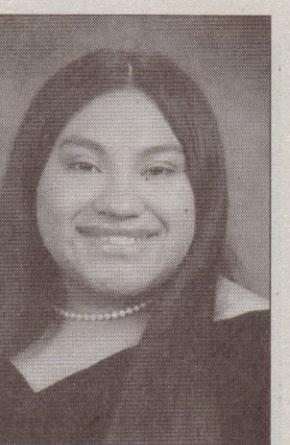
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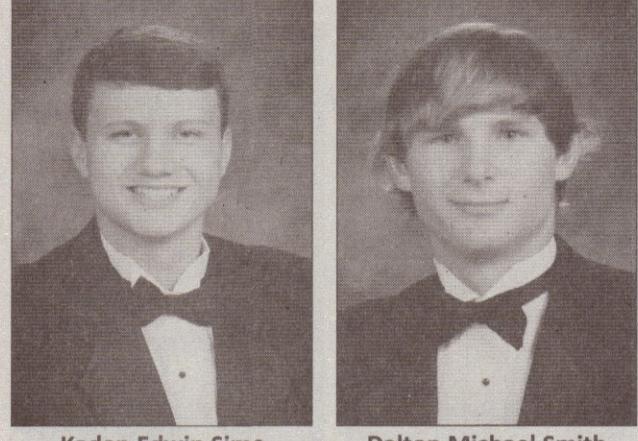
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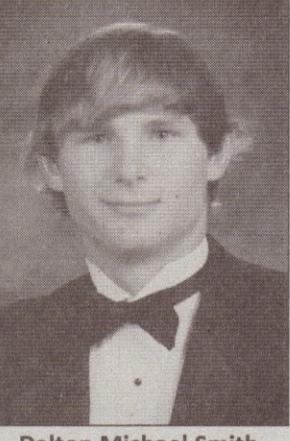
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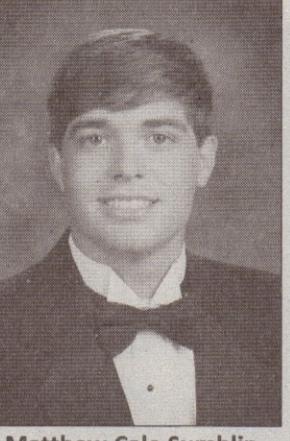
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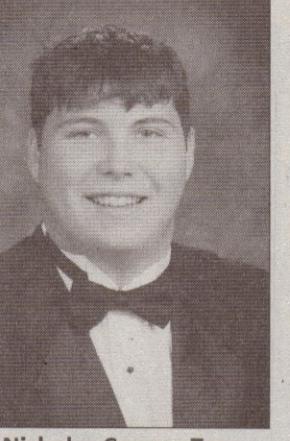
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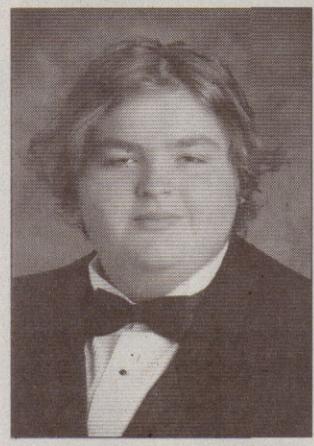
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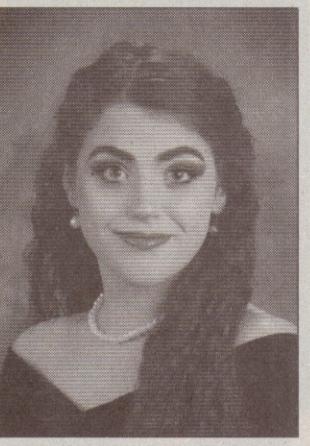
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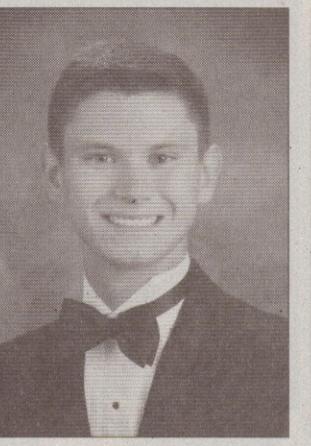
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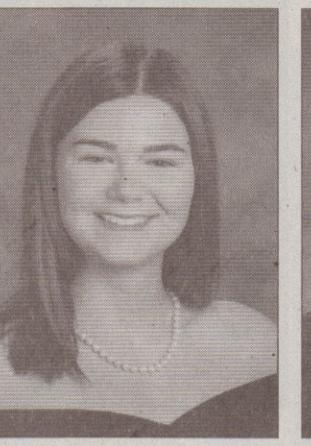
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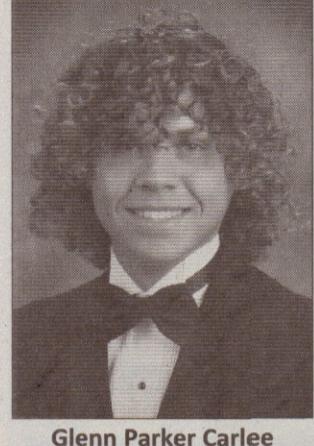
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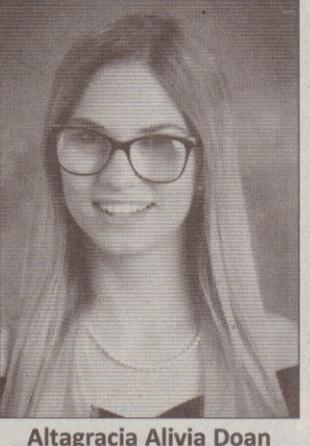
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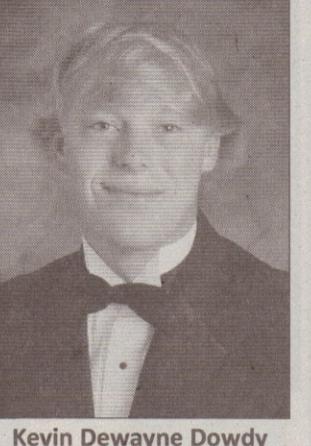
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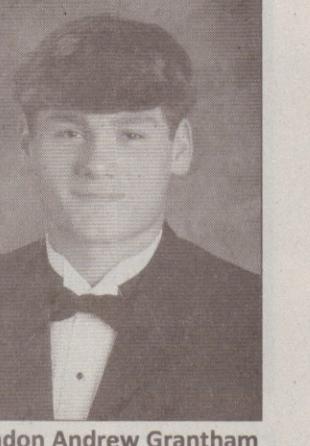
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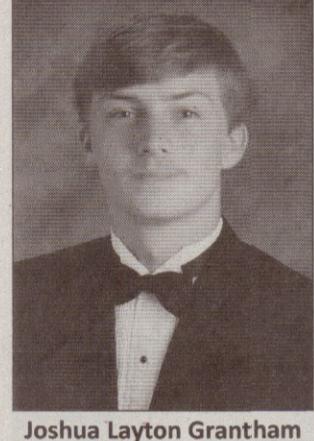
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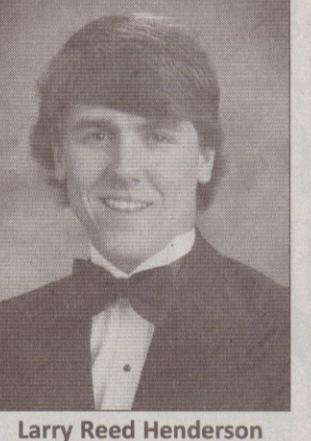
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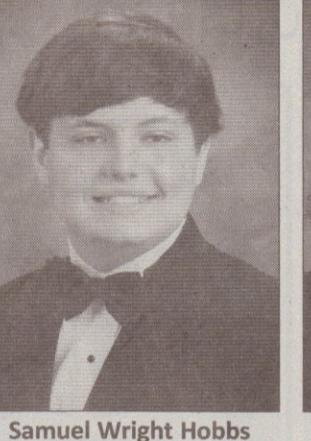
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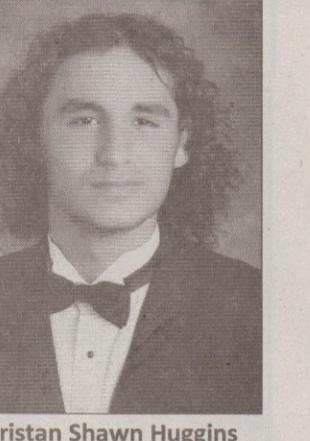
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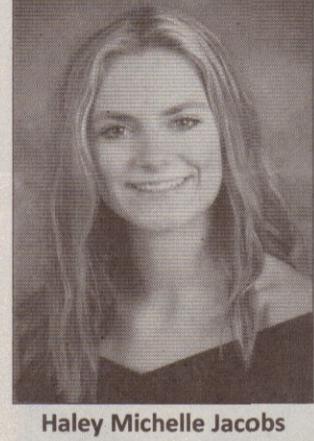
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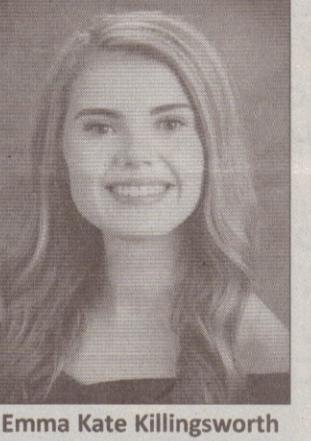
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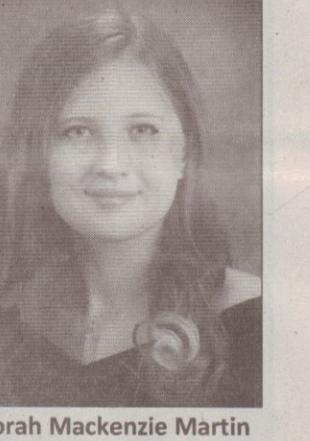
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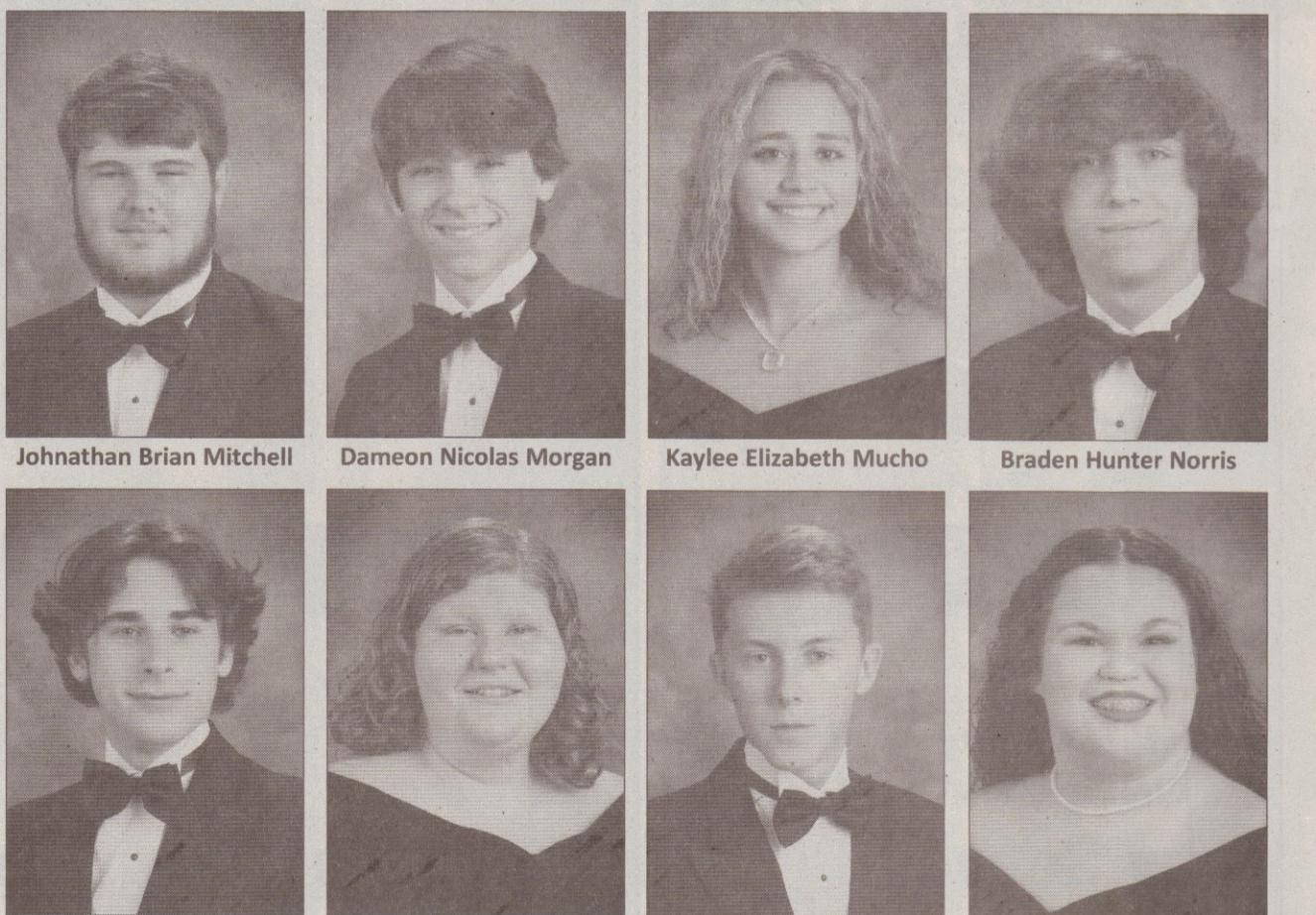
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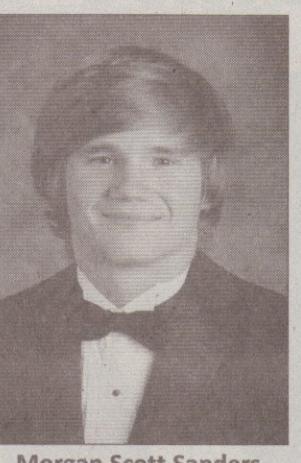
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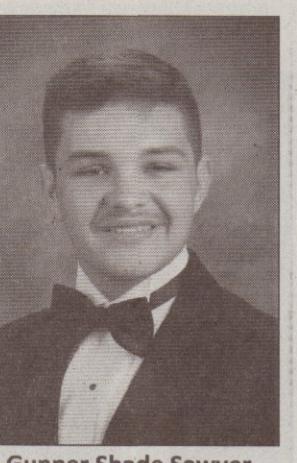
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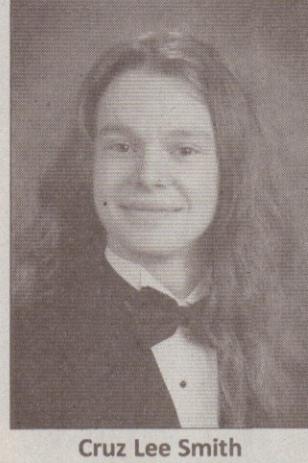
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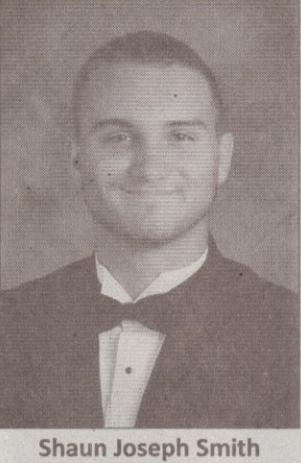
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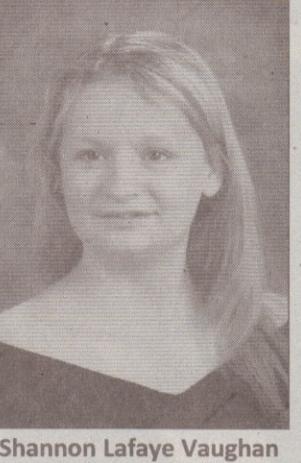
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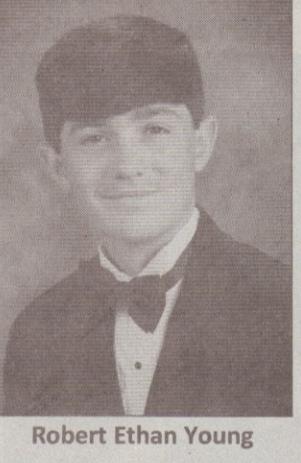
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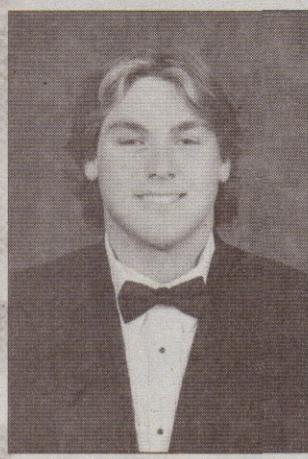
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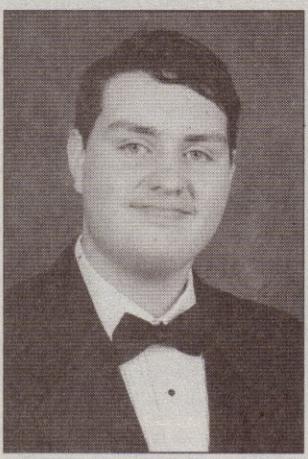
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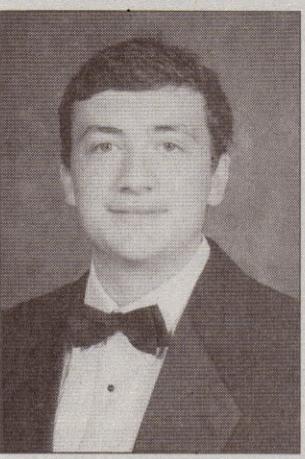
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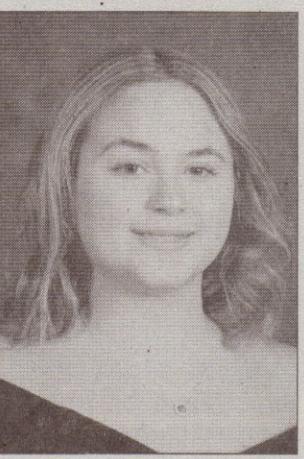
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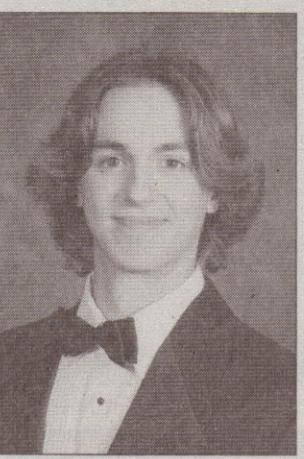
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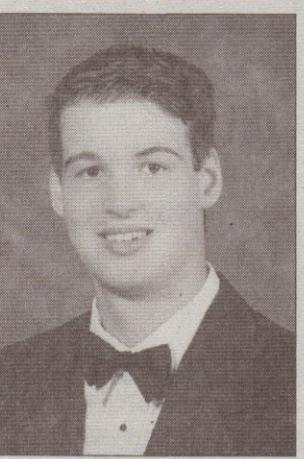
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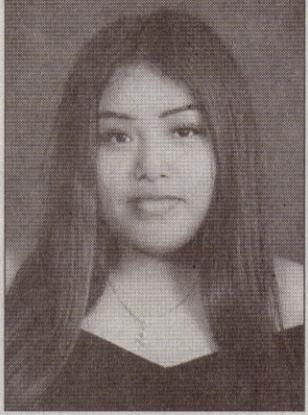
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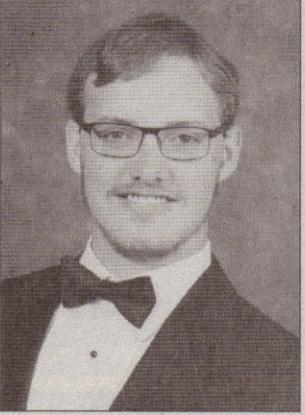
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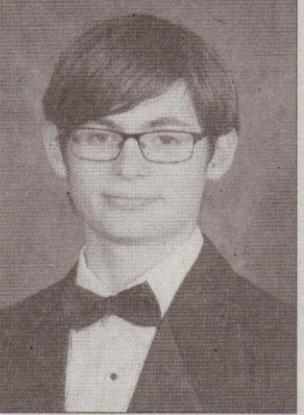
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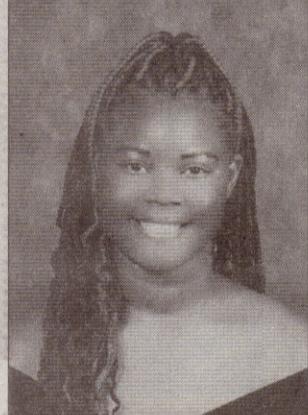
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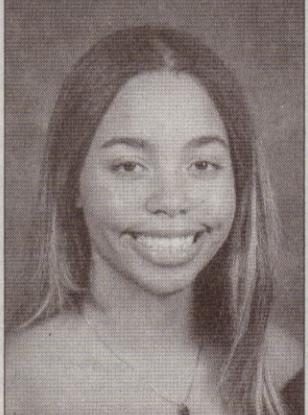
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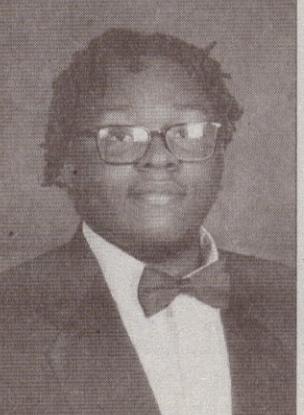
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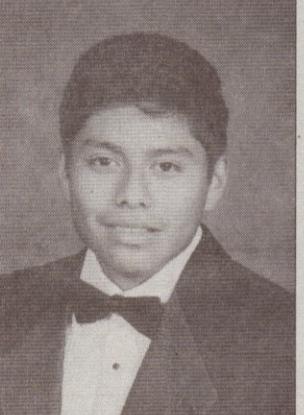
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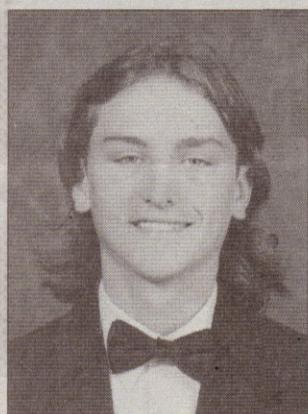
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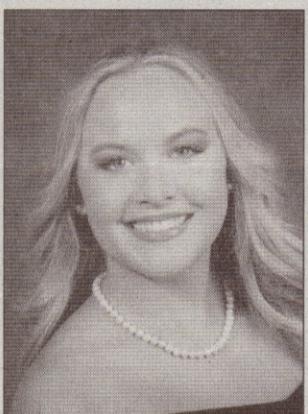
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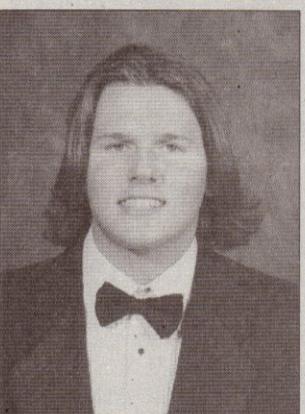
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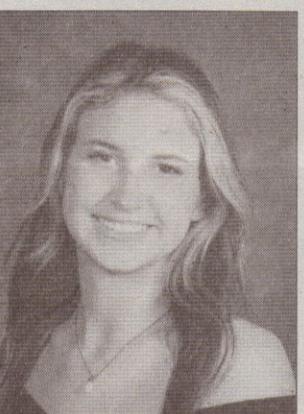
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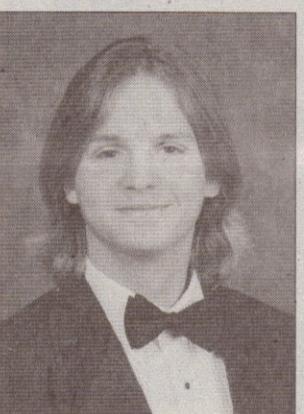
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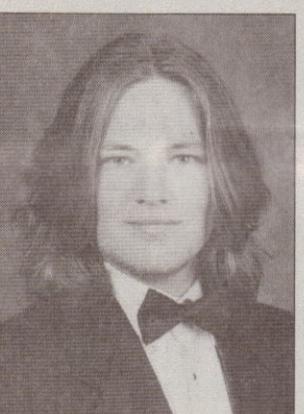
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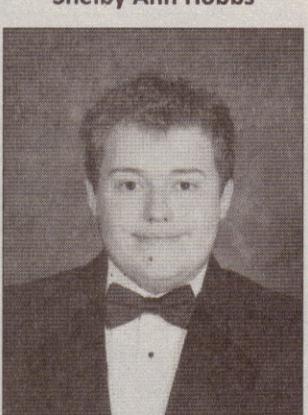
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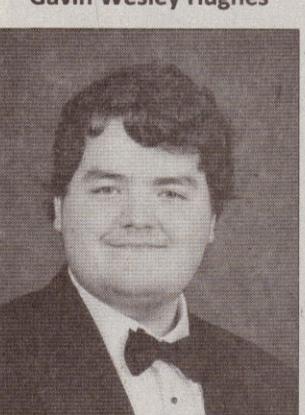
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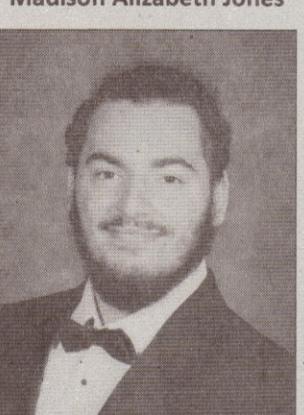
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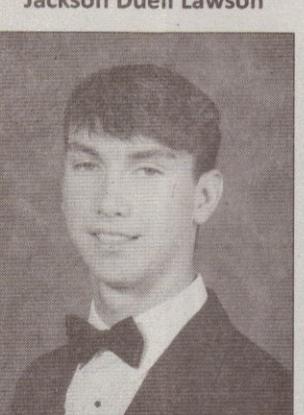
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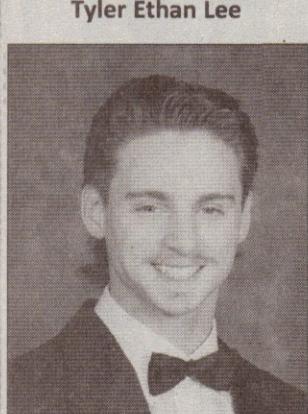
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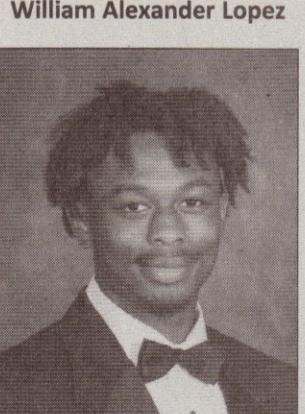
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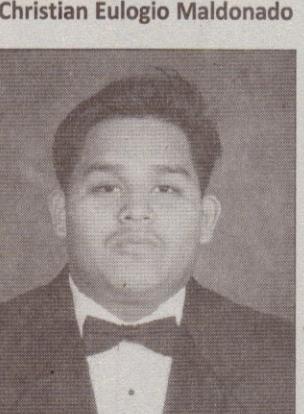
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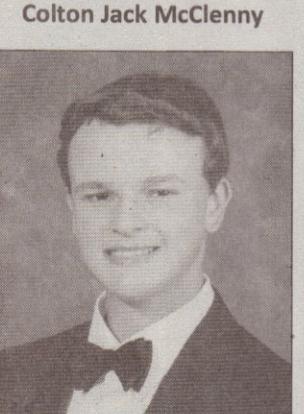
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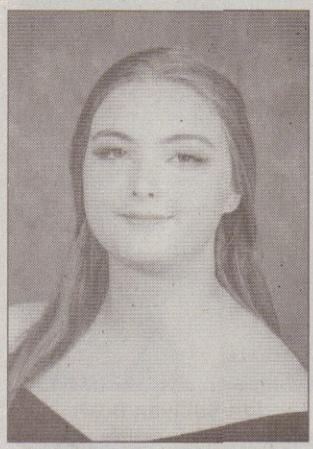
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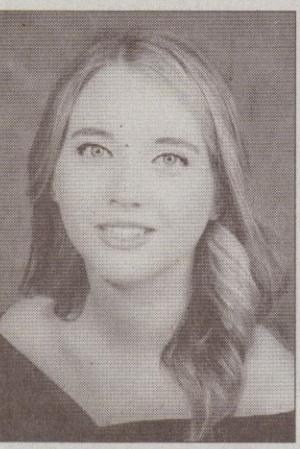
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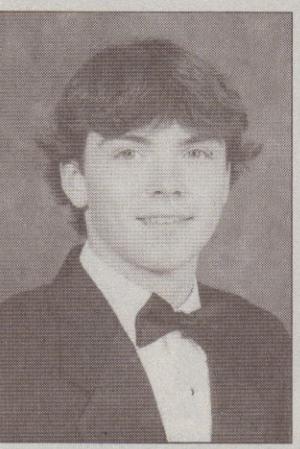
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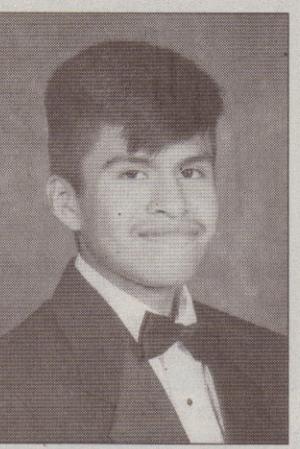
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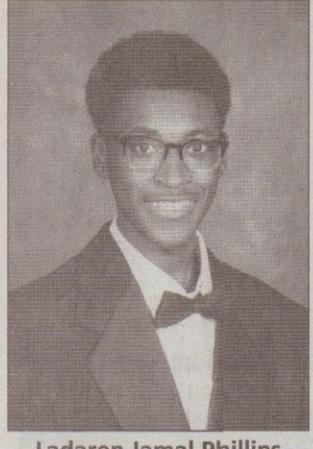
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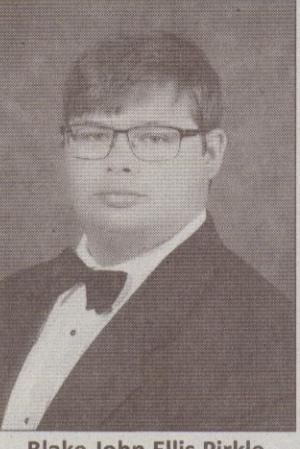
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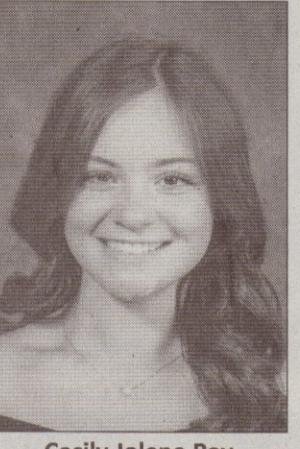
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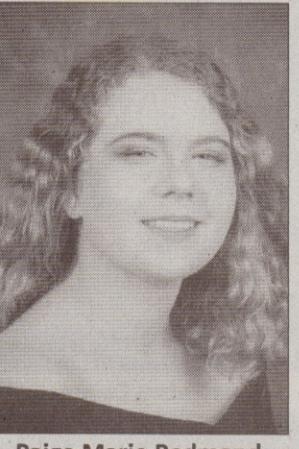
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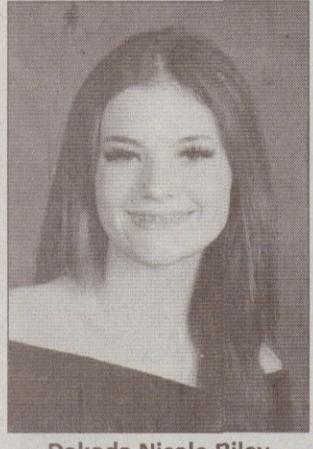
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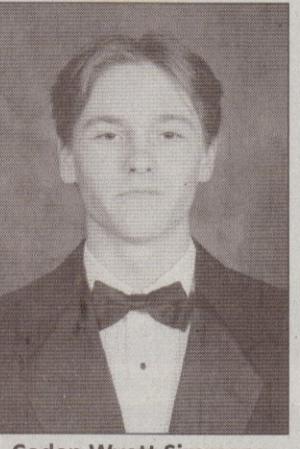
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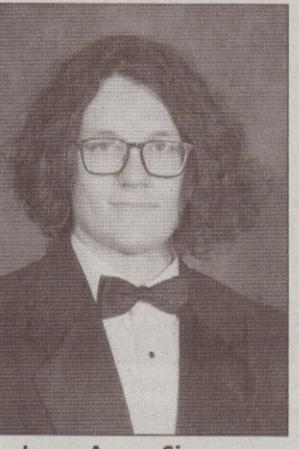
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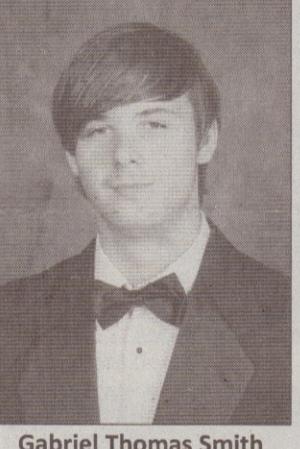
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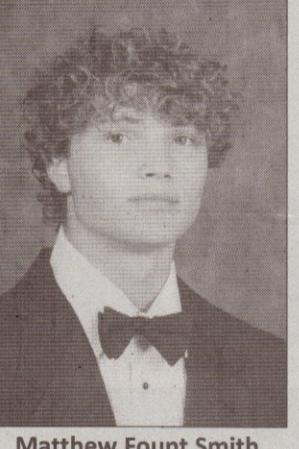
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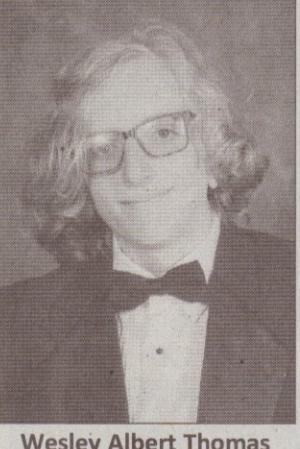
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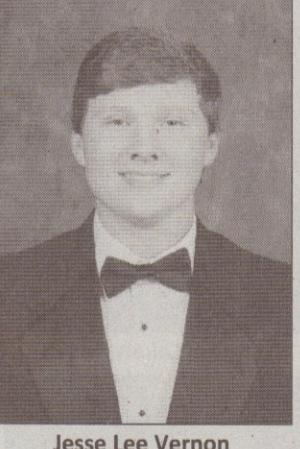
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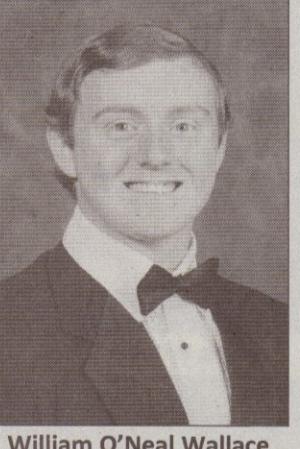
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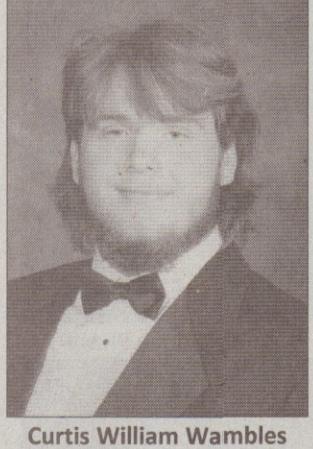
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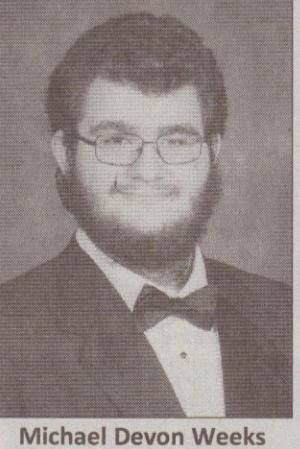
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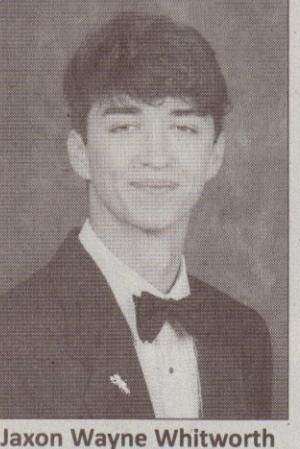
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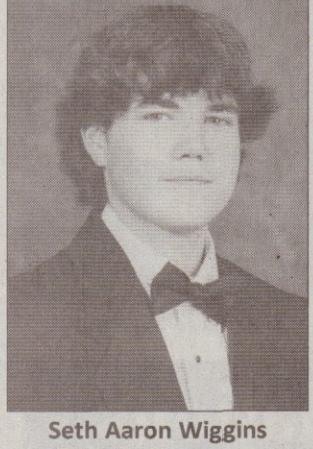
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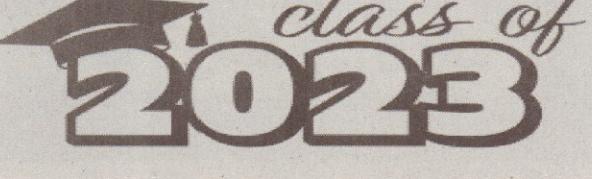
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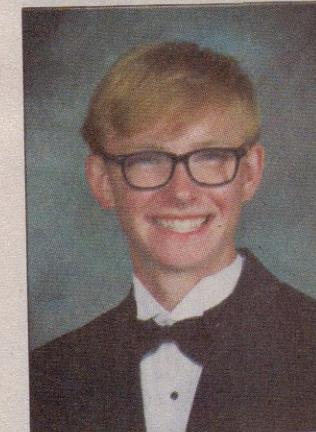
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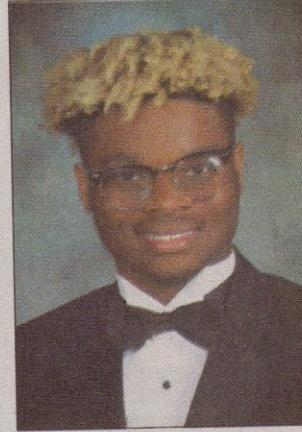
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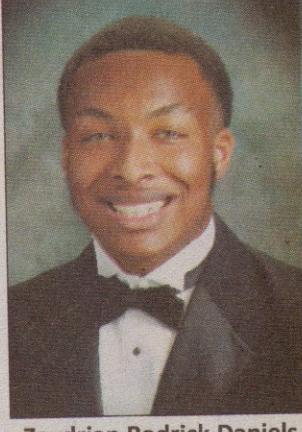
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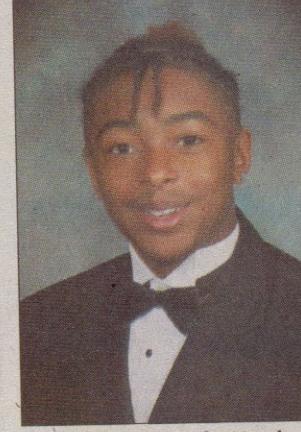
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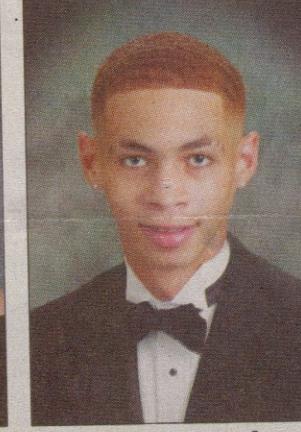
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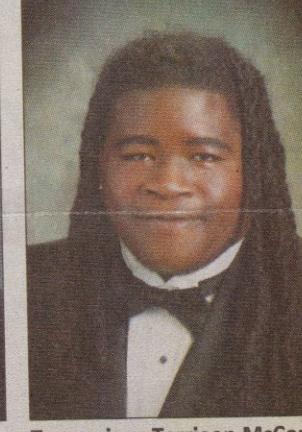
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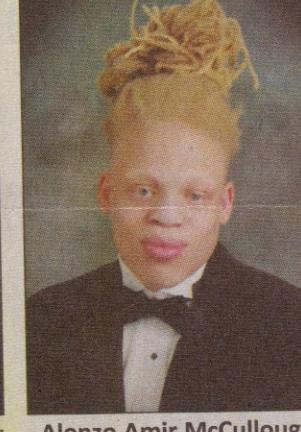
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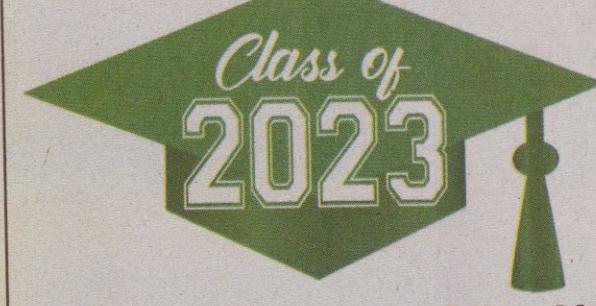
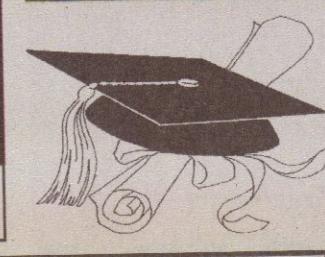
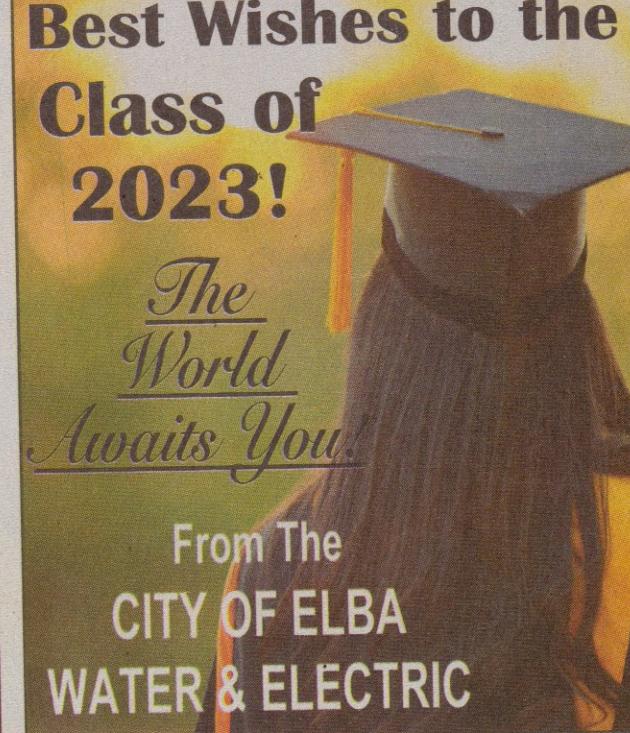
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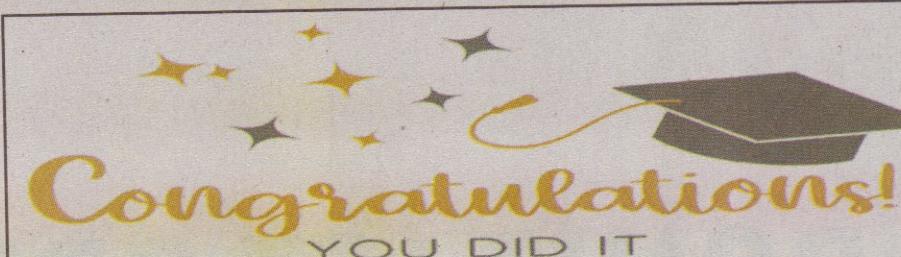
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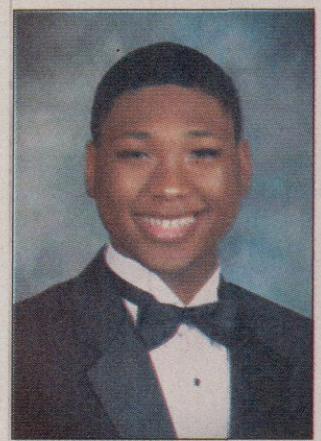


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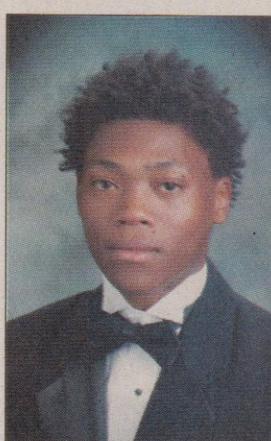
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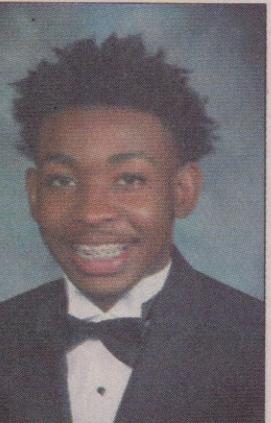
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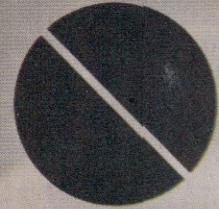
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